

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Status of Claims:

No claims are currently being added or cancelled.

Claim 25 is currently being amended.

This amendment and reply amends a claim in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-25 remain pending in this application.

Indication of Allowable Subject Matter:

Applicants appreciate the indication in the Office Action that claims 1-24 are allowed, as well as the indication that claim 25 would be allowed if amended to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejection of that claim. Due to the amendments made to claim 25, claims 1-25 are now in allowable form.

Specification Objection:

In the Office Action, the specification was objected to, because it did not refer to its earlier-filed applications, as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a). In reply, please note that the ADS filed with this application did refer to the earlier-filed applications for which this application claims priority to, whereby this information has been added to page 1 of the specification in any event.

Abstract Objection:

In the Office Action, the Abstract was objected to, for the reasons set forth on page 2 of the Office Action. By way of this amendment and reply, a replacement Abstract is being submitted, which removes “means” language and which is a single paragraph.

Claim Rejections – Non-Statutory Subject Matter:

In the Office Action, claim 25 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101, as being directed to non-statutory subject matter, for the reasons set forth on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action. The preamble of claim 25 has been amended to recite “A computer readable medium embodying computer program product . . .”, whereby this makes claim 25 fully compliant with 35 U.S.C. § 101. See also paragraphs 0023 and 0064 of the specification, for support for this amendment to claim 25.

Conclusion:

Since all of the issues raised in the Office Action have been addressed in this Amendment and Reply, Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing or a credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorize payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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